Corruption in Revenue Department

2847. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the officials of Revenue Department in the metros are more corrupt than any other departments;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of officials booked by the anti-corruption bureau in 2004 in the country especially in metros; and

(d) what action has been taken against them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM): (a) to (d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Loans sanctioned by NABARD in North Eastern States

2848. SHRI T.R. ZELIANG: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount sanctioned by NABARD under various schemes and programmes in the NER during the last three years and the total number of development projects undertaken from these amount; and

(b) the number of projects for which the financial assistance has been sought by the States of NER during the year 2004-05?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM): (a) Short term refinance sanctioned to State Co-operative Banks (SCBs) and Regional Rural Banks (RRBs), Schematic refinance to all agencies and subsidy released in respect of cold storage, rural godowns and on farm water management schemes in the North Eastern Region during the last three years are as under:-

(Rs. in crore)

Year	Short term refinance to SCBs & RRBs (maximum outstanding/ drawals)	Schematic Refinance to all agencies	Subsidy under cold storage, rural godowns and on farm water management for increasing crop management for increasing crop production schemes
2002-03	6.17	119.62	5.68
2003-04	2.46	122.62	4.46
2004-05 (up to 28.2.2005)	1.15	218.69	3.17

Further, NABARD has sanctioned 437 projects under Rural Infrastructure Development Funds (RIDF) involving financial assistance of Rs. 503.42 crore to the NER during 2001-02 to 2003-04.

(b) During the year 2004-05, NABARD has sanctioned 112 projects under RIDF involving financial assistance of Rs. 70.00 crore to the States in NER. Under Capital Investment Subsidy Scheme, NER States have sought financial assistance in respect of 32 rural godowns schemes and 367 on farm water management schemes during the year 2004-05 and all the projects have been sanctioned.

Income tax to Gujarat Port Authorities

2849. DR. A.K. PATEL:
SHRI LEKHRAJ BACHANI:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what purposes are served by applying the income tax to the minor ports of Gujarat;

(b) whether the Central Government have given any thought on adverse financial implications on the applicability of the income tax to Gujarat Port Authorities;

(c) how much revenue is expected to be targeted from Gujarat Port Authorities;